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See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 in written format
 in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 contained in the international application as filed.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not been furnished:

copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
Industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	4-7,11-14
	No: Claims	1-3,8-10
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	4-7,11-14
	No: Claims	1-3,8-10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-14
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Re Item V.

1 The following document is referred to in this communication:

D1 : US 6 721 537 B1 (BRIESEMEISTER LINDA) 13 April 2004 (2004-04-13)

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1,3,8,10 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 Document D1 discloses (the references in parenthesis applying to this document):
A method, comprising the steps of:
receiving a message indicating that a user of another terminal device has pressed a talk button (column 3, lines 40-43), the message comprising geographical location of the other terminal device (column 3, lines 16-17), or any information derived therefrom; and
indicating said geographical location of the other terminal device to a user of the terminal device (column 3, lines 16-17).

3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 3

3.1 Document D1 discloses (the references in parenthesis applying to this document):
A method comprising the steps of:
-in response a user of a terminal device pressing a talk button (column 3, lines 40-43), writing information describing the geographical location of the terminal device, or any information derived therefrom, into a message (column 3, lines 16-17); and
-sending the message to another terminal device or to a communications network (column 3, lines 16-17).

4 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 8

4.1 Independent claim 8 describes the corresponding apparatus of method claim 1.

5 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 10

5.1 ~~Independent~~ claim 10 describes the corresponding apparatus of method claim 3.

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6 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2,9

Dependent claims 2, 9 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).

In fact the additional features described in claims 2,9 are already disclosed in D1 (column 3, lines 44-50).

7 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 4-7, 11-14

The combination of the features of dependent claims 4-7, 11-14 are neither known from, nor rendered obvious by, the available prior art.